

Claim rejections 35 USC §102 and §103

Claim 1-3, 11 and 12 have been cancelled.

Claim objections

The allowable claims have been rewritten in independent form. It is believed tha application is in condition for allowance.

CLAIMS

1-3 (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) ~~The A~~ putter head ~~according to claim 2~~
~~or 3,~~ for a golf putter, comprising:

- A forward-facing, planar striking surface;
- a toe section;
- a heel section;
- a top surface; and
- an elongated, rearward projecting tail section, said tail section comprising reference tracks that, when viewed from above by a user whose eyes are in vertical alignment with the perpendicular centerline bifurcating said striking surface, will appear to the user as two continuous parallel lines that are equidistant from the centerline and that extend perpendicularly to said planar striking surface in the rearward direction, and wherein said tracks, when viewed from above by a user whose eyes are not in vertical alignment with the perpendicular centerline, will not appear as two continuous parallel lines,

wherein said tail section comprises two substantially vertical sidewalls, a floor section, a rear section and a front wall section that together define a hollow cavity, and wherein said reference tracks are located along the inside faces of said sidewalls.

5. (original) The putter head according to claim 4, wherein each reference track comprises the upper surface of a portion of its respective sidewall that protrudes in towards the interior of the hollow space, and further

wherein said reference tracks are between 0.5mm and 2.0mm in width.

6. (original)The putter head according to claim 5, wherein said reference tracks, when viewed from the side, are elliptical in shape, with the lowest point of arc of the ellipse nearest the floor section.
7. (original)The putter head according to claim 6, wherein the planes defined by said elliptical reference tracks have a predetermined angle of incidence relative to the vertical plane extending up from the centerline, said angle of incidence being a function of the distance between the user's eyes and the lowest point of arc of the tracks.
8. (original)The putter head according to claim 7, wherein the upper surface of said reference tracks has a color that contrasts with the putter head.
9. (original)The putter head according to claim 5, wherein each of said reference tracks is comprised of two straight, substantially horizontal upper portions and an intermediate, straight and substantially horizontal lower portion.
10. (original) The putter head according to claims 5 or 9, further comprising a semicircular indicator marking of contrasting color arranged on the said top surface of said putter head at the centerline, said indicator marking having a radius of between 5.1mm and 5.9mm and is offset from center in the forward direction by between 2.1mm and 2.9mm.

11-12 (cancelled)